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1. MANILA PRESS MARCH 27 STATES REP ROCES (NP-MANILA), WHO EXPECTED HEAD COMMISSION FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF PHIL-US RELATIONS WILL HOLD MEETING MARCH 29 OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-FILIPINO ACTIVITIES (OF WHICH HE CHAIRMAN) TO ACT ON REQUESTS FOR INQUIRY INTO ACTIVITIES OF CIA IN PHILIPPINES. ROCES QUOTED AS STATING QTE MY COMMITTEE IS BEING URGED TO GO TO BOTTOM OF THIS CIA STORY TO DETERMINE DANGERS IF THERE ARE ANY AND TO PROPOSE REMEDIAL LEGISLATION UNQTE. TIMES STORY QUOTES ROCES AS STATING THERE POSSIBILITY CIA INQUIRY MAY BE ENDORSED TO SPECIAL COMMISSION TO RE-EXAMINE PHIL-US RELATIONS, WHICH EXPECTED BE ESTABLISHED BY HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES TODAY OR TOMORROW.

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2. NO CLEAR INDICATION AS TO WHO IS PRESSING FOR EXAMINATION OF CIA ROLE, BUT SEEMS LIKELY THIS RELATED TO CURRENT CAMPAIGN BEING MOUNTED IN PRESS BY RADICAL LEFTIST ERNESTO MACANILYA IN UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES ORGAN COLLEGIAN AND IN LETTERS TO MANILA TIMES TO TAR ALL NON-LEFTIST PHILIPPINE STUDENT AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH BRUSH OF CIA INVOLVEMENT, AS OUTGROWTH OF DISCLOSURES OF CIA/NSA RELATIONS.

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3. AT DINNER AT POLITICAL COUNSELOR'S MARCH 21 EMBOFFS HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS WITH REP ROCES SCOPE AND COMPOSITION OF SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF PHIL-US RELATIONS. ROCES TOOK VERY BALANCED VIEW OF WHAT MIGHT COME OUT OF SPECIAL COMMISSION, INDICATING AGAIN THAT HE FELT CONCLUSIONS OF PHIL-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY AT DAVAO IN 1966 WOULD BE GOOD POINT OF DEPARTURE. OBVIOUS THAT LEFTIST ELEMENTS INTEND USE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON MUCH BROADER RANGE OF ISSUES. WHILE ROCES IS ONE OF MORE RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CANNOT IGNORE FACT HE IS ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF MANILA AND WILL BE UNDER GROWING PRESSURE TO DEMONSTRATE HE AT LEAST AS GOOD NATIONALIST AS MAYOR VILLEGAS.

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